

**Re: Return to school, January 2021**

4 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful break and you and your families are well.

I am writing to let you know the plans for these first two weeks of January, following the announcement on 30 December by the Secretary of State for Education:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January:** EHCP/Vulnerable/Children of Key Workers only in school. All other students will receive remote learning at home

**Monday 18th January:** All students will return to school

**EHCP/Vulnerable/Children of Key Workers**

Children attending school from Tuesday 5th January will be supervised and will follow the remote learning programme provided for all students. If your child is eligible for one of these school places, please book them in on our school appointment system for each day required. This is the same system we used for Progress review day and the same login and passwords will apply: <https://wixamsacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Students should wear Academy uniform or PE kit and should bring their laptop and earphones each day, if at all possible. Desktop PCs will be provided for other students.

**Remote learning**

All students will be taught a comprehensive timetable remotely on Microsoft TEAMS. Timetables went home with students in December. Please contact your child's Head of Year if you do not have a timetable.

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The new timings of our school day are attached at the end of this letter and lessons will start at the times shown for specific year groups. For Year 7 students, teachers will also set the same work on Show My Homework.

Students will follow their full timetable, with the following exceptions:

- Morning Tutor Time
- PREP on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Year 9/10 Enrichment (unless it is RE or Languages GCSE)
- Core PE will be delivered as pre-recorded tasks and challenges. Please check TEAMS and Show My Homework
- Design Technology: We have a new Design Teacher starting in March. In the meantime, students will be set tasks by Head of Faculty, A Smith. Students should check Show My Homework and can ask Ms Smith questions directly there.

All other lessons, including Afternoon Tutor Time at 3.10pm, are compulsory and registers will be recorded each lesson. Please encourage your child to have full attendance during this period of remote learning. Homework during remote learning will be set if it is integral to the sequence of lessons being taught.

### **COVID Testing**

We are currently making arrangements for mass testing of students and staff as per the government's instructions and will write to you with the details very shortly. We would welcome any volunteers willing to help with the supervision of administering the tests or with the administration tasks that come with the process. Please email your contact details and availability to our Business Manager [cnash@wixamsacademy.co.uk](mailto:cnash@wixamsacademy.co.uk) to register your interest.

We are aware that there has been a rapid spread of positive cases of the virus both locally and nationally and levels of restrictions are under constant review. This means our plans are subject to further change, but we will endeavour to keep you informed swiftly of any changes. We will also continue to review our own safety measures as students return to school to keep our whole school community as safe as possible over the coming weeks.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and patience.

**Mr Paul Spyropoulos**



**Principal of Wixams Academy**

## Academy Lesson Timings From January 2021

Wixams Academy – The Academy Day Jan 2021					
Year 7 & 9			Year 8 & 10		
8:15	8:30	Breakfast Club	8:15	8:30	Breakfast Club
8:40	8:45	Form time (AM reg taken)	8:40	8:45	Form time (AM reg taken)
8:45	8:50	Movement	8:45	8:50	Movement
8:50	9:50	Period 1	8:50	9:50	Period 1
9:50	10:05	Morning Break	9:50	9:55	Movement
10:05	10:10	Movement	9:55	10:55	Period 2
10:10	11:10	Period 2	10:55	11:10	Morning Break
11:10	11:15	Movement	11:10	11:15	Movement
11:15	12:15	Period 3	11:15	12:15	Period 3
12:15	1:00	Lunch break	12:15	12:20	Movement
1:00	1:05	Movement	12:20	1:20	Period 4
1:05	2:05	Period 4	1:20	2:05	Lunch break
2:05	2:10	Movement	2:05	2:10	Movement
2:10	3:10	Period 5	2:10	3:10	Period 5
3:10	3:30	Tutor Time (inc assembly)	3:10	3:30	Tutor Time (inc assembly)
3:30	4:00	Compulsory homework prep on Tuesday and Thursday	3:30	4:00	Compulsory homework prep on Tuesday and Thursday